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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS - Randy D. Blakely, Richard Nass and David M. Miller (Client Ref. VU0135)*

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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 71-page patent specification including 100 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1A-B to 6A-D on 6 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Randy D. Blakely, Richard Nass and David M. Miller for the captioned invention.

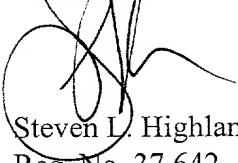
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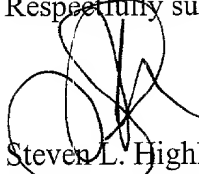
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